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March 31, 2009

Dear Service Academy Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to seek an appointment to a United States Service Academy. I am pleased to have you as a candidate for nomination.

The following materials are enclosed to assist you in beginning the application process:

- Nomination process instruction sheet (2 pages).
- Application form (4 pages).
- Nomination reference form, 3 copies (1 page).
- Notice of interview days for 2009.
- Applicant checklist (1 page)

In addition to applying for a nomination from a member of Congress, you should also apply directly to the individual service academies. You may receive a nomination to an academy other than your first choice. A completed pre-candidate file at that academy enhances your chances of being offered an appointment.

As you know, entry to a service academy comes at the end of a very competitive process. Approximately 10-12% of applicants are accepted. There are a variety of alternative programs and avenues to pursue in the event you do not receive a nomination, cannot attend the academy of your choice, or will be attending college for a year or two while re-applying for an academy nomination. Please consider us as a resource in the event any of these circumstances occur.

Please adhere to the application process instructions closely as incomplete applications will not be considered. Deadlines will be adhered to absolutely! Your application, letters of reference and all correspondence should be sent as a package to:

Senator Michael Bennet  
2300 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 450  
Denver, CO 80202  
ATTN: Nominations Coordinator

Thank you again for your desire to serve your country in this way. I wish you well in your efforts.

Warm regards,



Michael Bennet  
United States Senator

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR CLASS 2014  
ENTERING ACADEMIES IN JUNE 2010**

**For all Colorado applicants for military service academies**

**From the office of**

**United States Senator Michael Bennet**

The purpose of the nomination procedure is to present the service academies with qualified candidates from every area of the country. My nomination functions as a recommendation to the academies and it is my responsibility to nominate the best qualified young people in the state of Colorado. In order to do this, I ask that each candidate submit certain credentials which will be evaluated. **It is then the candidate's responsibility to insure that the information is submitted by the deadline.** Interviews will be conducted by interview committees in October and November. Applicants will be notified by mid-December.

**IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A NOMINATION, YOU MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

- 1) Complete and submit, **by mail, not fax\***, the enclosed Application Form. It is important that the form be filled out neatly and be completed **in ink or typed, and unaltered**.
- 2) Write a Personal Letter (business style) to Senator Bennet explaining your reasons for seeking a nomination to an academy.
- 3) At least one of three Evaluation Forms and Recommendation Letters must be completed by a teacher, your principal, or a counselor. Other recommendations may be completed by someone who knows you well, but not a family member.
- 4) Attach an official copy of your High School Transcript. **GPA and CLASS RANK are desired (if your school ranks).**
- 5) Attach a copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores, if not already included in your transcript.
- 6) Include a photograph, 5 x 7 or wallet size.

**APPLICATION ITEMS SHOULD BE SENT AS A COMPLETED PACKAGE. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER OCTOBER 2, 2009 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**\*Faxed applications will be accepted only from students living outside the United States.**

**TEST SCORE GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>AIR FORCE</b>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Verbal	590	26
Math	620	27
Reading		28
Science		27

<b>NAVAL ACADEMY</b>		
Verbal	600	26
Math	600	30

<b>MERCHANT MARINE</b>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Verbal	500	24
Math	520	25
Combined	1020	

<b>MILITARY ACADEMY</b>		
Verbal	600	26
Math	600	26
Science Rea		26
Reading		26

If you desire to have your test scores sent directly to our office, the following codes apply:

**SAT:** 4771

**ACT:** 7112

**THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR COMPLETED FILE TO BE RECEIVED IN MY OFFICE IS OCTOBER 2, 2009.**

If you have questions or inquiries regarding any portion of the application process, you are encouraged to correspond by email to the Nominations Coordinator at: [academy\\_nominations@bennet.senate.gov](mailto:academy_nominations@bennet.senate.gov).



**NOMINATION APPLICATION TO  
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES**

**For the Period  
March 1, 2009 to October 2, 2009**  
(Entry June 2010)

***United States Senator  
Michael Bennet***

**PLEASE TYPE (preferred) OR PRINT**

**PLEASE USE THIS ORIGINAL APPLICATION ONLY**

**Academy Preferences**

(Indicate your preferences as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> choices)

West Point \_\_\_\_\_ Naval \_\_\_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_\_\_ Merchant Marine \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information**

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

**Permanent Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
( Street Address )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
( City/Town ) ( County ) ( Zip )

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_  
( First ) ( Next )

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** ( mm/dd/yr ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Soc. Sec. No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex** ( M / F ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Citizen?** ( Y / N ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Mailing Address**  
( If different from above ) \_\_\_\_\_  
( Street Address )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
( City/Town ) ( County ) ( Zip )

**Medical Information** Have you had asthma or other respiratory ailments? ( Y / N ) \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, age at last occurrence. \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you require corrective lenses? ( Y / N ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of Parent(s) or  
Legal Guardian(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
( Last ) ( First ) ( Relationship )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
( Last ) ( First ) ( Relationship )

## **Academic Information**

### **High School**

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Name )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Street Address )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( City / Town )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( State )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Zip )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Telephone Number )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Counselor )

Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Class Standing \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Students in Class \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Scores: Eng \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Date last taken \_\_\_\_\_

Combined Eng/Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Date last taken \_\_\_\_\_

### **College**

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Name )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Address )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( City / Town )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( State )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Zip )

Dates of Attendance: From \_\_\_\_\_  
( mm/yr )

To \_\_\_\_\_  
( mm/yr )

### **Authorization for Release of Information**

I release this information to the office of Senator Michael Bennet for use in the Service Academy nomination process. If I am selected for a nomination, I authorize Senator Bennet to release my name as a nominee in press releases and other public documents.

Signature (student): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (parent/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **School and Community Activities**

Briefly describe your involvement in school and community activities in the listed categories. Include information relative to offices held, awards and honors received. Show also years of involvement in each activity. **Only one page in addition to this form concerning activities, awards, etc. will be considered in the evaluation process.**

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS:

SCHOOL AND CLASS OFFICES HELD:

BAND, DRAMATICS, CHORALE:

SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, AWARDS and HONORS:

OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU CONSIDER IMPORTANT, Including job, volunteer/community activities, etc.

## **References**

Give names and addresses of three adults whom you will request to complete the enclosed Evaluation Forms. At least one of these must be from a counselor, teacher or principal. **Please have these individuals return the reference letters to you for inclusion and submission with your application as one package.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City / Town) (State) (Zip)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City / Town) (State) (Zip)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City / Town) (State) (Zip)

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO: **Senator Michael Bennet**  
**2300 15<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Suite 450**  
**Denver, CO 80202**  
**ATTN: Nominations Coordinator**  
**303-455-7600**

**Remember: The deadline is October 2, 2009 to have your completed package in the office! Late applications will be returned and not considered.**



## SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION REFERENCE FORM

United States Senator Michael Bennet

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long known by the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

(References may not be relatives of the applicant)

The applicant has requested that United States Senator Michael Bennet consider him/her for a nomination for admission to one of the United States service academies. In your own words, please state in a letter your personal knowledge of his/her qualifications, evaluation of their temperament and bearing, and their motivation to attend a service academy.

**Please use this form as a cover sheet for your letter.** Please sign and date your letter.

**RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR LETTER TO THE REQUESTER FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR APPLICATION PACKAGE.**



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## SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICANT CHECKLIST

The following items **must** be received in United States Senator Michael Bennet's office **no later than** close of business Friday, October 2, 2009. Information should be returned as a complete package.

1. Completed **Application Form**.
2. **Personal letter** (business style) to Senator Bennet indicating your desire to attend a service academy.
3. **Official Academic Transcript** sent by the academic institution. Please ensure that the transcript indicates **current GPA and Class Rank (if available)**.
4. **Copies of ACT and/or SAT test scores** if not included on the transcript.
5. **Three letters of Recommendation**. One must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor. Recommendations from family members will not be accepted.
6. **One photograph**, (5 x 7 or wallet size).

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**United States Service Academy  
Nominations  
Interview Schedule 2009  
(Tentative)**

***United States Senator Michael Bennet***

The tentative interview schedule for United States Service Academy nomination applicants will be:

Saturday, October 24, 2009:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Denver and Colorado Springs
Sunday, October 25, 2009:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Locations To Be Determined
Sunday, November 1, 2009:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Locations TBD
Saturday, November 7, 2009:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Locations TBD

Interview locations will be in Denver, Ft. Collins, Colorado Springs, and Grand Junction.

Qualified applicants with completed files will receive notification of the date, time and location of their interview.

If you have any questions, direct your inquiries to:

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